



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PROPOSED CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AREA NEW HIGH SCHOOL #2 Los Angeles, California

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

February 27 to March 28, 2002

OPEN HOUSE:

March 12, 2002, 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Magnolia Elementary School Staff Lounge
1626 South Orchard Avenue, Los Angeles

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan for the Los Angeles Unified School District's Proposed Central Los Angeles Area New High School #2 Site (also known as the Eller Media Site). This workplan addresses the removal and offsite disposal of approximately 1,503 cubic yards of soil from the proposed site. The proposed site is located on the southeastern corner of West Washington Boulevard and South Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles. During the site investigation metals (lead, cadmium, chromium, and arsenic) were detected in soil samples at concentrations that exceed DTSC health standards. Therefore, the impacted soil will be removed and transported to a permitted offsite disposal facility. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The NOE document states that the project will not have a significant negative effect on the environment because of the relatively small volume, short project duration, and the controlled manner in which impacted soils will be excavated, loaded onto trucks and taken offsite for disposal/treatment.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this notice is to provide the interested public the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC, concerning the proposed soil removal action, within thirty (30) days of this notice.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Your participation is encouraged. An Open House to discuss the removal action will be held at Magnolia Elementary School from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2002. Comments concerning the draft Removal Action Workplan may be submitted in writing to Ms. Robbie Morris, Project Manager, at the Department of Toxic Substances Control at the address listed below, and must be postmarked by March 28, 2002.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft Removal Action Workplan and other project documents are available at the Exposition Park Regional Library, 3665 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90007. Additionally, all site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. Contact: Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2886.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Treva Miller, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (818) 551-2846. *Si desea información en español, comuníquese con: Eloy Florez, Especialista en Participación Pública de el DTSC, al (818) 551-2875.* LAUSD Contact: Chris Ingalls, Project Manager, LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety, (213) 633-8411. *Si desea información en español, comuníquese con: Sr. Tony Arias, Oficina de Alcance a la Comunidad del LAUSD (LAUSD Community Outreach Office), al (213) 633-3885.*

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